

BARGUNA-DHAKA ROUTE  
Launch service  
suspended due to  
passenger crisis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Launch movement on the Barguna-Dhaka route has been halted due to an extreme shortage of passengers, as a result of the Padma Bridge. Due to the dwindling number of passengers, no launches have left for Dhaka from the Barguna Launch Ghat since Tuesday on 4pm.

Zahirul Haque Panu, vice president of Barguna Traders Association, said if this route is permanently closed, Barguna's businesses will be threatened. The cost of transporting goods will increase, impacting both traders and consumers.

Before the Padma Bridge was inaugurated, every launch on the route would carry 400 to 500 passengers each day, said launch owners. However, not even 100 passengers are available since the Padma Bridge opened. There were previously four luxury passenger launches on the Dhaka-Barguna route. Following the opening of the Padma Bridge, only one launch remained on the route.

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How TO KILL A RIVER... The once vibrant Kharia river has now become a haunting wasteland. Indiscriminate garbage, illegal structures, and encroachment have choked its flow. The river's silent struggle for survival beneath overgrown weeds speaks volumes about the authority's neglect. This photo was taken in Mymensingh recently.

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Turn Barind into  
export-focused  
agri hub: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Experts at a workshop in Rajshahi yesterday advocated for transformation of the Barind region from a rice bowl to an export-focused agricultural hub to save the declining water resources.

The workshop titled "Joining forces for catalysing transformation in Barind Hotspot" was held at the conference room of the Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA).

More than 70 experts joined the workshop, which was jointly organised by the Coca-Cola Foundation, 2030 Water Resources Group, Dasco Foundation, Syngenta Foundation, and BMDA.

The experts said Barind is a country hotspot owing to drought, low rainfall, and groundwater depletion. The region should grow less water-consuming crops instead of Boro rice to conserve water.

They also said the farmers and agribusiness owners will require assistance in identifying extension activities for exportable crops, marketing their products, and improving the supply chain.

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Kharia, a river  
on deathbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Environmental pollution and encroachment have left Kharia River in Mymensingh's Phulpur upazila on its deathbed.

The authorities concerned, however, seem to have turned a deaf ear to the issue as their indifference to monitoring the situation is quite apparent, alleged locals.

The 25km long river is a tributary of the Old Brahmaputra and falls into Kongscho River in Netrokona. The river is also connected with several local water bodies, including Kurhar Doba (swamp).

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw heaps of garbage being dumped in different areas on the river bank, piling up for years, with no one to check this menace.

Once a great source of water for agriculture and local fisheries, the river has now become a narrow stream, overgrown with hyacinths and bushes on the bank, said Abu Mia, a farmer from Poyari village.

The river used to be the life line of agriculture and ecological balance of this locality but it has been left in a serious state of negligence, lamented Azizul Islam, a school teacher.

People have been dumping daily garbage on the river bank for years. Besides, the local butchers also use the river bank as their slaughtering ground, and throw away the animal wastes in river water.

Admitting the matter, Saidul Islam, a butcher at Amuakanda Bazar, said they have been slaughtering animals on the river bank for some 10 years and nobody ever forbid them from doing so.

Established in 2001, the municipality with around 40,000 residents could not even manage a proper garbage management system in the last 23 years, said ATM Robiul Karim Robi, a local journalist.

Only a few dustbins were found in the municipality, including one adjacent to Phulpur Upazila Health Complex. The clinical wastes of the hospital, however, are dumped in front of the facility, said locals.

Shashadar Sen, mayor of Phulpur municipality, said garbage is being dumped on the river bank mainly by the local people and businessmen.

The municipality authority once used to dump garbage on the river bank, but they are using a station in

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8 Jamaat-Shibir  
men held in 2 dists

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested eight Jamaat Shibir activists from Lalmonirhat and Rangpur for allegedly plotting sabotage.

In Lalmonirhat, six of their activists were arrested from a meeting early yesterday from the Alorupa cinema hall area. They are Jamaat activists Azim Uddin, 58, Abu Taher, 40, Moaimul Islam, 38, and Shibir activists Sohail Parvez, 32, Milon Mia, 20 and Rakib Hasan, 17.

Sensing the presence of police, eight other Jamaat-Shibir men ran away, the law enforcers said.

Police yesterday filed a case against 14 named Jamaat-Shibir men and several others unknown under Section 15 (3) of the Special Tribunal Act on charges of plotting sabotage in this connection, confirmed officer-in-charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station Omar Farooq. A judicial magistrate court sent them to jail yesterday afternoon after they were produced before it, the OC said.

Meanwhile, two Jamaat men were detained when they tried to bring out a procession in Rangpur city yesterday, said police.

The arrestees are Abdul Motin and Abul Kalam

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Ex-JP MP dies as  
motorbike hits him

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Former Jatiya Party lawmaker Mohammad Ullah was killed yesterday afternoon, after being hit by a motorbike on the Dhaka-Raipur road in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur.

Mosleh Uddin, officer-in-charge of Laxmipur Sadar Model Police Station, confirmed the news.

The victim, Mohammad Ullah, 76, is son of Akkas Mia Hawlader from Banchanagar area of Ward No-14 in Laxmipur Municipality.

The deceased's son, Rakib Hossain, said his father was hit by a speeding motorbike while he was crossing the road in front of Alia Madrasa. He was subsequently taken to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Mohammad Ullah was pronounced dead upon arrival, according to Dr Md Johurul Islam Roni, the resident medical officer of the hospital.

The deceased had served as the lawmaker for the Laxmipur-3 constituency from 1986 to 1988. He held the position as the first chairman of Laxmipur municipality. He had also previously served as the president of the district committee of Jatiya Party.

Additionally, he was also the convener of the committee for preparing the council for the latest district-level Jatiya Party council, before his death.



বাংলাদেশ কলেজ অব ফিজিশিয়ান্স এন্ড সার্জন্স

Bangladesh College of Physicians & Surgeons

**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

1	Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2	Agency:	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)
3	Procuring Entity Name:	Secretary, Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)
4	Procuring Entity Code:	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District:	Dhaka
6	Invitation for:	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server and Security Solution for eLogbook System.
7	Invitation Ref No:	BCPS /Elogbook/2022/21362
8	Date:	22/08/2023

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	Procurement Method:	Open Tendering Method (National) (One Stage Two Envelope)
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10	Budget and Source of Funds:	BCPS Own Fund
11	Development Partners:	N/A

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12	Project/Programme Code:	N/A
13	Project/Programme Name:	N/A
14	Tender Package no:	BCPS/Server-01
15	Tender Package name:	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server and Security Solution for eLogbook System.
16	Invitation for Tender Ref No:	BCPS /Elogbook/2022/21362
17	Tender Publication Date	23/08/2023
18	Tender Last Selling Date	07/09/2023 (10.00 AM)
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	07/09/2023 (12.00 Noon)
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	07/09/2023 (1.00 PM)

**NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S)**

21	Selling Tender Document(Principal)	Room No: C-204, Block-C, 67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka 1212
22	Selling Tender Document(Others)	N/A
23	Receiving Tender Document	Room No: C-208, Block-C, 67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka 1212
24	Opening Tender Document	Room No: C-208, Block-C, 67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka 1212

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

25	Eligibility of Tenderer	1. Minimum 10 years' experience in ICT business as a registered company/ entity in Bangladesh. Should provide last 10 years Trade License and RJSC Certificate. 2. A minimum of 3 (three) years of overall experience in the supply of hardware, equipments, and related services. 3. Must have experience in providing both hardware and customized software solutions in the government/autonomous medical sector in a single work order. The value of work order must be at least 1 (One) crore each for hardware and software separately in a single work order. 4. Must have a minimum amount of liquid assets in the form of a credit line or working capital of BDT 50 lacs. 5. Average annual turnover for a minimum of BDT 1 (One) Crore in the last 5 (Five) years. 6. Bidder to certify that they are not blacklisted or debarred by any defense organization within Bangladesh regarding participating in the tender. 7. Must have updated ISO 9001, ISO 27001, and CMMi Level 3 (Three) Certificate. 8. Must have a valid Trade License; Register of Joint stock Company (RJSC) Certificate; TIN Certificate; VAT Registration Certificate; Updated Income Tax Payment Certificate. 9. Must have updated membership certificate of BASIS and BCS. 10. JV is not allowed.
26	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Server and Related Products
27	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A
28	Tender Document Price	BDT. 1,000/-

LOT NO	IDENTIFICATION OF LOT	TENDER SECURITY (TAKA)	COMPLETION TIME
29	01	BCPS/Server-01	15 Days

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

30	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Professor Abul Bashar Md. Jamal
31	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Secretary
32	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room No: 211, Block-C 67 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali,, Dhaka-1212.
33	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone No. 222295006, 222284189, Fax No. 9848928 Web. www.bcps.edu.bd, Email: bcps@bcps.edu.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

Secretary

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**Invitation for Tenders**

**Tender No-08**

01.	Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI)
03.	Procurement Entity Name	Director General
04.	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
05.	Procuring Entity District	Gazipur
06.	Invitation for:	Supplying of Manpower by Outsourcing Method
07.	Invitation Ref. No.	12.21.0000.005.14.004.23.924
08.	Date	22-08-2023

**KEY INFORMATION**

09.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10.	Budget and Source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
11.	Development Partner (if applicable)	N/A

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12.	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	N/A
13.	Project/Program Name (if applicable)	"Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER)"
14.	Tender Package No.	PSN-08
15.	Tender Package Name	Supplying of Manpower by outsourcing method
16.	Tender Publication	24.08.2023
17.	Tender Last Selling Date & Schedule Selling Date	06.09.2023 at 3.00PM & From 24.08.2023 to 06.09.2023
18.	Tender Closing date & Time	07.09.2023 at 10.55AM
19.	Tender Opening date & Time	07.09.2023 at 2.00PM

**Brief Description of Tender:**

Identification of Package	Tender Security (Tk.)	Tender document Price (Tk.)	Location	Comments
PSN-08	1,00,000/- (One Lakh) Taka Only	1,000/- (One Thousand) Taka Only	"PARTNER" Project Area	The conditions described in the tender document will be applicable

21.	Name and address of Office (s) -Selling Tender Document (Principal) -Selling Tender Document (Others) -Receiving Tender Document -Opening Tender Document	Office of the Deputy Director (Accounts & Finance), BARI, Gazipur. Planning & Evaluation Wing, BARI, Gazipur. Office of the Deputy Director (Admin), BARI, Gazipur.
22.	Tender Purchase Rules	Office of the Deputy Director (Admin), BARI, Gazipur. Tender documents can be procured through a written application along with the Deputy Director, Administration Section, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Joydehpur, Gazipur on the company's own Letter Head Pad. Individual tenders/applications will not be accepted except for the mentioned organization/company. An updated trade license (Business type must be related to outsourcing) must be submitted with the application for purchase of tender documents.
23.	Tender Security Types	The tender along with the tender should be sent in the form of Pay-order/bank draft from any scheduled bank along with the security deposit to the Director General, BARI, Gazipur.
24.	Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract under the applicable law. ii) Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant Professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh. iii) Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and registered of Bangladesh. iv) The actual manpower supplier will be able to participate in the tender through outsourcing with relevant work qualifications and experience.
25.	Papers to be submitted along with the tender	A) Trade license (Business type related to outsourcing) including renewal of current financial year. B) Certificate of VAT registration. C) Photocopy of renewed income tax payment certificate of current financial year with TIN number. D) Valid certificate of related work experience (Minimum 02 years) should be submitted. E) Also, other documents mentioned in the tender documents.
26.	Brief Description of Services	i) Office Assistant cum-Computer Operator 01 (one) person. ii) Driver 03 (three) person and iii) Office Sohayok 02 (two) person
27.	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A
28.	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Director (Admin)
29.	Address of official inviting tender	Administration Section, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Gazipur.
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Email: ddadmnbhari@gmail.com
31.	The tenders will be conducted in accordance with the open tender procedure of Public Procurement Rules-2008. However, in the case of recruitment of manpower the outsourcing method of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the circular issued from time to time by the government will be applicable.	
32.	BARI Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without any noticed.	
33.	Due to unavoidable reasons if it is not possible to accept the tender on the date and time mentioned in this notice. The tender will be accepted and opened at the same time and place on the next working day.	

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